

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, SC

July 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Dalton B. Floyd, Jr., Chairman
Ms. Margaret M. Addison
Ms. Rosemary H. Byerly
Ms. Dianne Chinnes
Ms. Susan Cole
Ms. Lorraine Dimery
Ms. Cathy Harvin
Dr. Larry Jackson
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Harry Lightsey, Jr.
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Mr. Dan Ravenel
Dr. David E. Shi

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Carl Solomon

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Rayburn Barton
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Mr. Joe Pearman
Dr. Mike Smith
Ms. Jan Stewart
Dr. Nancy Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Dr. Corey Amaker
Dr. Margaret Amick
Ms. Beverly Burton
Dr. Bob Boozer
Ms. Ann Bowles
Dr. Dianne Bradstadter
Ms. Joann Burt

Mr. Adam Byerly
Mr. Jim Byrd
Dr. Anthony Coine
Mr. Robert Cuttino
Ms. Betty Davidson
Dr. Alan Elzeman
Mr. David Fleming
Mr. Bob Isenhower
Dr. Tim Garner
Ms. Ann Gregory
Dr. Tom Hallman
Dr. Tom Higard
Ms. Lucy Hinson
Col. Curt Holland
Mr. Bob Isebhower
Ms. Carolyn Jackson
Ms. Frankie Keels
Mr. Rick Kelly
Ms. Star Kepner
Mr. Mack Kirkpatrick
Ms. Dorcas Kitchings
Dr. Carol Lancaster
Ms. Kimberly Marino
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Dr. Charles Mayo
Dr. Gina McLellan
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. J.P. McGee
Dr. Tom Mecca
Mr. Bob Mellon
Col. Spike Metts
Dr. Bob Mignone
Ms. Jill Noch
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Mr. Charles Parker
Ms. Ann Patton
Ms. Rose Pellott
Dr. Judy Prince
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Gery Shuler
Dr. Jackie Skubal
Dr. Gordon Smith
Ms. Lindy Smith

Mr. John South
Dr. Dewitt Stone
Ms. Anna Strange
Dr. John Sutusky
Dr. Rita Teal

Mr. Jonathan Trail
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Dr. Bob Vogt
Dr. Jimmy Williamson

Members of the Press

Ms. Jennifer Holland

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Floyd.

1. Introductions

Mr. Charlie FitzSimons was then asked to proceed with the introductions of guests.

2. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the minutes as submitted.

Chairman's Report

-Chairman Dalton Floyd

Chairman Floyd reported that the 16th annual Access & Equity conference was held on June 28-29 in Florence and was attended by Representative John Scott of the SC House of Representatives and chief sponsor of the Lottery Bill; and Senators Kay Patterson, Maggie Glover and Representative Doug Jennings.

As part of their bi-centennial celebration, the University of South Carolina will hold **University Day** on September 11. Members of the Commission should be receiving invitations to the event in the next few weeks.

Chairman Floyd announced the appointment of Dr. Leo (Lee) Higdon, Jr., formerly President of Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts as the new president of the College of Charleston. He will begin his duties on October 1.

Commissioners were reminded to reserve October 11 and 12 for the October Commission meeting and Trusteeship Conference on the campus of Coastal Carolina University, with a reception at Hobcaw Barony on Thursday night

Dewitt Stone was recognized as having written a book on the Civil War.

3. Committee Reports

3.01 Report of the Executive Committee

-Chairman Dalton Floyd

(No Report)

3.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Ms. Dianne Chinnes

A. Consideration of CHE Service Learning Awards

The Commission on Higher Education has undertaken an initiative to publicize on a statewide scale the service learning and volunteerism efforts of the public colleges and universities in South Carolina.

Service learning is defined as college student learning at any level and in any situation that is linked in a direct, hands-on fashion to the resolution of a problem or concern in a target community outside the institution, integrating student learning with community service.

Nineteen separate institutions submitted nominations, two of which were selected by a panel consisting of one Commissioner, one Commission staff member, one representative from a college in the state, and one representative from the business community.

A **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson), and **carried** to present Commendations of Excellence in Service Learning for two projects: 1) “Clemson Elementary Outdoors” from Clemson University in the four-year sector and 2) “Grow with Gardening” from Piedmont Technical College in the two-year sector. A list of nominations and descriptions of those projects are contained in **Attachment I**. Presentations will be made along with other Commendations of Excellence awards at the end of this report.

B. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. A.P.S., Early Care and Education, Horry-Georgetown Tech (Spring 2002)
2. B.A., Graphic Design, USC-Spartanburg (August 2001)
3. B.A., Integrated Studies in Performing Arts, Clemson University (August 2001)
4. B.A., Middle Grades Education, Coastal Carolina University (August 2001)

Ms Chinnes explained that all four program proposals have been approved at the appropriate institutional levels and have been approved by the Advisory Committee on Academic Affairs and the Committee on Academic Affairs. They are being brought before the full Commission today for approval.

1. The Associate in Public Service, with a major in Early Care and Education at Horry-Georgetown Tech: Six associate degrees like this have already been done. The fact that we have *First Steps* in South Carolina and the mandate by federal *Head Start* proves this is something needed. It is recommended that it be approved with no unique cost funding, provided that all advisement by faculty and staff as well as all published literature shall indicate that while some courses may transfer, the program is not a college transfer program. It does not lead to

teacher certification in South Carolina. The Committee feels strongly that this fact needs to be made clear to the students. This is a part of that motion.

2. B.A., Graphic Design, USC Spartanburg: USC Spartanburg has already secured \$25,000 in private funding. The institution is working in collaboration with Greenville Tech. The motion is to approve, provided no unique cost or other special State funding be required.
3. B.A., Integrated Studies in Performing Arts, Clemson University: This will prepare students for production theory, history and to work at places from Hollywood to the racetracks to the Atlanta Symphony. The Committee recommends approval, provided no unique cost or other special State funding be required.
4. B.A., Middle Grade Education, Coastal Carolina: There is one other program like this at USC Spartanburg, but others will be developing. The State Department of Education has approved a new certification for middle school teachers and the General Assembly is expected to approve the certification regulation this spring. The Committee recommends approval, provided no unique cost or other special State funding be required.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** to approve the above programs, provided no unique cost or other State funding be required or requested. (**Attachment II**)

C. Consideration of Licensing Requests (**Attachment III**)

1. High-Tech Institute, Orlando FL: Specialized Associate Degrees in Medical Assistant, X-Ray Technician, Surgical Technologist, and Computer Networking & Information Technology
2. High-Tech Institute, Nashville, TN: A.O.S. Degrees in Medical Assistant, Surgical Technologist, and Computer Networking & Information Technology; A.S. Degree in X-ray Technician
3. Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, at Beaufort Memorial Hospital, M.S., Administration with a Concentration in Health Services Administration
4. Columbia Junior College, Columbia, SC, merging with South College, Savannah, GA: B.S., Legal Studies
5. Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC, at Horry-Georgetown Technical College: B.S., Social Science with a Concentration in Criminal Justice
6. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, at Carolina Power and Light, H.B. Robinson Nuclear Plant, Hartsville, SC: B.S., Engineering with Nuclear Engineering Emphasis

Ms. Chinnes stated that there are three initial, two amendment and one renewal requests.

1&2. High Tech Institute's main campus is in Arizona. There are several branches in other states. They are a private, for-profit organization. They request an initial license to recruit students in South Carolina who attend one of the out-of-state campuses

If an institution has a physical presence in our state, defined as either physical location or

student recruitment activity, it must be licensed by CHE. Exceptions include institutions established before 1953, Bible schools, or programs offered on military bases.

3. An initial license is requested for Central Michigan University (CMU). This institution was chartered in 1892. A license is requested to allow CMU to offer a program at Beaufort Memorial Hospital leading to an M.S., Administration with a Concentration in Health Services Administration.
4. Columbia Junior College, Columbia, SC requests an amended license to change its name to South College due to a merger with South College, Savannah, GA, and approval to offer a program leading to the BS in Legal Studies.
5. Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC, at Horry-Georgetown Technical College requests an amendment to their license to offer a program leading to the BS, Social Science with Concentration in Criminal Justice.
6. NC State University, Raleigh, at Hartsville, SC requests renewal of its license to offer a program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering with Nuclear Engineering Emphasis.

Ms. Harvin asked to be heard at this point and opened a lengthy discussion regarding the process we presently use to license out-of-state schools to do business in South Carolina and whether or not the guidelines are stringent enough to prevent duplication and competition with the colleges and universities in the state. After lengthy discussion, Dr. Larry Jackson was recognized and made a **substitute motion** that the Commission consider each license request separately, place a moratorium on all other approvals, and study the licensing process and requirements. The motion was **seconded** and **carried**.

- 1.& 2. High-Tech Institute: The **motion** to approve the request for license as described above was **denied**.
3. Central Michigan University: The **motion** to approve the request for license as described above was **denied**.
4. Columbia Junior College: The **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve their request to merge with South College and offer an additional program, as described above.
5. Gardner-Webb University: The motion to approve the amendment to license as described above was **denied**.
6. NC State at Carolina Power & Light: The **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Olsen) and **carried** to approve the request for license renewal as described above.

D. Consideration of Addition to CHE List of Accreditation Agencies: NASPAA

Recommendation: The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends to the Commission that it approve the addition of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) to the CHE list of approved accrediting agencies (**Attachment IV**).

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made by Ms. Chinnes, **seconded** (Jackson) and **carried** to approve the recommendation as stated.

E. Consideration of CHE Consultants' Evaluation of Existing Programs in Engineering and Engineering Technology (Attachment V)

Ms. Chinnes introduced the report of the consultants, a nine-member team, who evaluated the quality of 60 programs at five institutions. From a statewide perspective, there are overall good quality programs and the students expressed overall satisfaction. The evaluation resulted in the following status recommendations: 57 continuing approval, one provisional approval, and two commendations of excellence.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** and **carried** to approve the recommendations of the consultants.

Ms. Chinnes reported that since the Committee meeting, any technical college student may enroll at Francis Marion without first having to enroll in Florence-Darlington Tech.

F. Consideration of Annual Report on Compliance with the English Fluency Act in Higher Education, FY 2000-01

Ms. Chinnes explained that this is a report that comes before the Commission every year. There were no grievances this year; however, there are some colleges that are not in compliance in that they have not published a complete summary of the institution's policy on English fluency either in both the catalog and student handbook or in the academic section and student affairs section. This is law and the Commission is required to verify compliance annually.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Chinnes) was made, **seconded** (Harvin) and **carried** that the report be approved as written (**Attachment VI**) and transmitted to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly and that those institutions with partial compliance be informed that they must be fully in compliance with the law and Commission policy by the next reporting period.

G. Presentation of Commendation of Excellence Awards in Service Learning

- "Clemson Elementary Outdoors," Clemson University
- "Growing With Gardening," Piedmont Technical College

Accepting the Commendation of Excellence Award in Service Learning for Clemson University were Associate Professor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, Dr. Margaret McLeland, and the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Dewitt Stone.

Accepting the Commendation of Excellence Award in Service Learning for Piedmont Technical College were Dr. Thomas Mecca and Ms. Beverly Burton.

H. Presentation of Commendation of Excellence Awards in Engineering

- Master of Science in Environmental Systems Engineering, Clemson
- Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Systems Engineering, Clemson

Accepting the Commendation of Excellence Awards in Engineering on behalf of Clemson University were Dr. Alan Elzeman and Dr. Dewitt Stone.

**3.03 Report of the Committee on Access, Equity
& Student Services**

-Ms. Sue Cole

(No Report)

3.04 Committee on Finance and Facilities

-Mr. Daniel Ravenel

**A. Interim Project – College of Charleston
Construction of Residence Hall and Parking Garage**

Ms. Byerly explained that this project has been in the works for about two years. It required some legislative approval for this to take place. That legislative approval has taken place, it has been signed by the governor. The Committee did not meet, but conducted a ballot by mail and it was unanimous, that this project be approved. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded**, and **carried** to approve this project as outlined in **Attachment VII**.

Informational Item – Routine repair, Replacement & Maintenance Project at the University of South Carolina (**Attachment VIII**).

**3.05 Report of Committee on Planning, Assessment
and Performance Funding**

- Gen. Tom Olsen

A. Consideration of staff recommendations to address unresolved measurement issues and select standards for implementation in the upcoming performance year, Performance Year 2001-02 to impact FY 2003-03 (Year 6)

General Olsen stated that there were changes made in the Committee meeting and before making a motion, would like indicate those. Indicator 2D standards were referred back to staff for further study. Correction of typo in Attachment 2. The **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** and **carried** to approve those changes. Those changes having been made, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Assessment and Performance Funding, a **motion** was made (Olsen), **seconded** and **carried** to approve the staff recommendations to approve the recommendations as provided in **Attachment IX** to these minutes.

B. Discussion of Legislative Audit Report on Performance Funding

Dr. Rayburn Barton was asked to discuss the *Legislative Audit Council Report on Performance Funding*. The report has been distributed to you. He reported that: 1) Procedurally, to make certain that everyone is clear that, in terms of process for audits that are done by that council, it really is not recommended to you to implement; it is recommended to the General Assembly and procedurally, what happens, if anything, with that report, is in the hands of the General Assembly and 2) There were six major recommendations made, three of those specifically made to the Commission. Of those three recommendations that have been made, dealing with parts of the performance funding system, either they have been addressed in whole or in part at present or we are in the process of working to make improvements based on those. Dr. Barton read one paragraph in summary: "You have taken steps to reduce the number of indicators; not that you are not in compliance with the law, because data are collected on all of those and there is a data verification process. You did approve a system, you will recall, that calls for next year's ratings to be on the 14 of those that have been deemed most important. You also are using objective measures that have been determined to be suited to the institutions that are based on data collected from peer groups." The final point made was that we are following up on performance improvement grants and now that the first data verification cycle has been completed, those guidelines will be used to adjust, as necessary, data as the data verification process continues. The report has gone to the General Assembly. The report was accepted as information. The full report is an attachment to the June minutes.

4. Report of the Executive Director

Rayburn Barton

◆ Legislative Update

There are a number of issues pending that affect higher education next year:

1. A proposal is in committee currently to create a Higher Education Realignment Commission.
2. There is a bill pending in sub committee that calls for closure of the USC School of Medicine.
3. The lottery spending plan, perhaps the most important one to higher education, is currently being discussed by the ad hoc committee. For all the discussion that took place on the lottery, and with the Lottery Commission put in place, the plan that will be used to disburse those funds and how they will be used to fund various forms or levels of education, is still up for discussion. The spending plan will determine the actual funding levels for tuition and scholarships and there may be revisions to programs such as the HOPE and LIFE programs.
4. There is an article today on the Governor's veto and return of funds and the continuing discussion of those amounts to \$28 million of the Barnwell money that influenced the higher education institutions.

◆ K-16 Collaboration

I had the pleasure recently, at Senator Geise's invitation, to attend a conference in Kansas City, along with him, Mollie Spearman of the Department of Education, and Doug McTeer of the Governor's office. The conference dealt with K-16 collaboration. There is much activity in this state and nationally, exploring ways colleges and universities can assist schools at the k-12 level.

It has been suggested that colleges partner with schools and school districts where the universities could explore ways to assist those K-12 schools in meeting the requirements of the new report cards.

We are attempting to put together a panel from the Department of Education to discuss the concept of K-16 and some of the things that are currently being done.

5. There was a presentation on the history and growth of USC Aiken from 1961 through the present time, by **Dr. Thomas Hallman**, Chancellor, University of South Carolina Aiken.
6. **Other Business:** Ms. Dianne Chinnes was unanimously elected Vice-Chair for another term.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy R. Gunter
Recording Secretary

Attachments I-IX

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent file of these minutes and are available for review upon request.